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CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President. Committee report will be inserted in the Journal. Signed by the members of the Reference Committee referring LB 544 through LB 547. That's all the pending motions, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: We will now revert to General File. Senator Simpson, would you take the chair. I want to present LB 391.

MR. SIMPSON PRESIDING

CLERK: LB 391. Read title. There are no Committee amendments or other amendments pending.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, LB 391 is a bill which I introduced and the Reference Committee placed it on General File without a public hearing. It has been there for approximately 15 or 18 days. In 1969, this body adopted a sweeping change in certain sections of our statutes. Along with this change, we went further than we anticipated. Now actually what this bill will do and do not be fearful of the term "retrosession". It does not imply retrosession as we usually use it in the case of, with Indian and Indian problems. It is important to note that under the present circumstances for most matters of federal law enforcement and assistance is adequate to protect various of our federal installations and the federal installations under question here are the Veterans Hospital in Omaha, the Veterans Hospital in Lincoln, the Veterans Home in Grand Island and the McPherson Cemetery. After the '69 session, we said that no state officials, state sheriff, highway patrol or city official may go on to these grounds, that the federal government alone should be supervisory in that instance but many times the federal government officials are not on hand, if supposing there would be an uprising. It is for the protection of those people who work and live in these four, in these three institutions plus vandalism in the cemetery and this would permit the sheriff, the highway patrol and the local law enforcing officers, if they are called, if there is a problem there, that they can go on to those grounds and not wait for some federal official to quiet the problem which may be brought about not by those people who are in the hospitals but by those people who may be attempting to create a disturbance of some type. This is what this bill is for and it did not have a public hearing, I repeat this, but it is something corrective of an error we made of too far-reaching legislation in 1969 and I move of the advancement of LB 391 to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER: Further discussion. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: A question of Senator Burbach.

SPEAKER: Senator Burbach, do you want to answer a question?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Burbach, this has--this was the bill that I was directly interested in because of the Air Force Base. Now what is this going to do to our jurisdiction upon that or the jurisdiction of the federal government upon that and what about other properties that belong to the federal government in the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Keyes, I have been informed by the Veterans Administration, a Mr. Jim Smith and a Mr. Dick Moses, that the only portion of any federal installation